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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE NETWORK FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNO-
LOGICAL INFORMATION

REF: (A) UN DOCUMENT A/C.2/31/L.43

(B) STATE 295290

1. FIRST CONSULTATIONS ON US DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF (A))
WERE HELD ON MONDAY, DEC 6. SEVERL WEOS (INCLUDING
FRG, NETHERLANDS AND AUSTRIA) AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE
THE MAJOR PARTICIPANTS. ALGERIAN REP MADE SOME INFORMAL
COMMENTS BUT COULD NOT ENGAGE THE G-27 (COORDINATING
COMMITTEE). AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS AND EUROPEANS SEEMS
ATTAINABLE ON THE BASIS OF MODIFICATIONS NOTED IN PARA 3,
WHICH WE HAVE INDICATED SEEM ACCEPTABLE. ON A PER-
SONAL BASIS, ALGERIAN ACCEPTED LANGUAGE GIVEN BELOW,
AND SUGGESTED THAT G-27 MIGHT WISH TO ADD THE PHRASE
"ESPECIALLY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" TO OPERATIVE PARA
3, TOGETHER WITH A REFERENCE TO UNIDO. THE PROBLEM,
HOWEVER, IS THAT DESPITE ASSURANCES OF IRAN AND ALGERIA
THAT THEY WOULD SEE TO IT THAT G-27 WOULD TAKE UP
RESOLUTION TODAY, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THIS WILL
OCCUR. THE NEXT CONSULTATION IS SCHEDULED FOR
11:30 AM, TUESDAY, DEC 7.

2. AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY WEOS AND USSR, WHICH
WE HAVE INDICATED WE CAN ACCEPT:

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PARA 3--"ENDORSES THE REPORT AND TAKES NOTE OF

ITS PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS"

PARA 5--(NEW INTEGRAL TEXT) "FURTHER REQUESTS
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE INTER-
AGENCY TASK FORCE, TO ESTABLISH THE FOCAL POINT
WITHIN THE EXISTING CAPACITY OF THE UN SECRETARIAT
FOR CARRYING OUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT."

PARAS 6 AND 7--ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

3. FRG MADE FURTHER PROPOSAL INFORMALLY THAT SOME
MODIFYING LANGUAGE, SUCH AS "AS FAR AS AT PRESENT
POSSIBLE" BE INSERTED AFTER "FOR CARRYING OUT" IN
PARA 5. WE HAVE AGREED TO EXPLORE THIS. ON BASIS
PRIOR REIMER-DARDIS TELECONS, WE MIGHT SUGGEST
"TO BEGIN TO CARRY OUT" PLEASE ADVISE.

4. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY TOLD BY UN OFFICE OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THAT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
STATEMENT WOULD REFLECT THE FACT THAT NO ADDITIONAL
PERSONNEL WOULD BE REQUIRED BY PASSAGE OF THIS RE-
SOLUTION.
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